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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
Shai-San Gong et al.	:	Vo, Lilian
Serial No.: 09/316,754	:	Group Art Unit: 2127
Filed: May 21, 1999	:	
Title: EFFICIENT SCHEMA FOR	:	Intellectual Property Law
STORING MULTI-VALUE	:	IBM Corporation
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In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 20, 2004 (Paper No. 11), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 20, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Independent Claims:	1	-	6	0	x \$86 =	\$ 0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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